

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes March 25 2021**

Present: Lisa DiCamillo, Janice Wurst, Pat Sampson, John Connor, Beth Connors, Mike Contway, Fr. Rob Pare`

Excused: Anne Wrubel, Mary Jane Voelker, Steve Gayari

Prayer: Fr. Rob

Approval: Minutes for March 25, 2021

Information: 2 people to attend Chrism Mass March 20th 2021 at St Thomas Aquinas in Saginaw.

Discussion:

1. Blood Drive to occur on April 27th from 1:00 PM – 6:00PM in the Parish Center. Looked over the information and need a few volunteers to assist on the day. Information to be placed in the bulletin. Registration available through Parish Office, the company Versiti, and link on website and in bulletin.
2. CPR/AED/First Aid set up for 9:00 AM May 11th in the Parish Center. Anyone who needs to update their CPR training from 2 years ago. Any Ushers. Any parishioners who would like to attend. Training provided by Scheurer Hospital.
3. Maintenance: Stained glass windows at all three churches in the parish were inspected. Valued for insurance purposes and cost of any repairs necessary. Reports were examined and discussed by Council. Of immediate concern -St Francis has a leak in the roof above one of the windows which is causing damage to the ceiling in the confessional. St Felix, discussion about the direction we are moving with regard to this church in our parish. The Pipe Organ has been moved. Some of the Statues have been moved. The windows are in good shape and are of value. We are have some problems with the roof and the brick work. We need to create a plan with Pastoral Council and Finance Council (and Maintenance Committee?) Goal to save and preserve everything that we can.
4. Opportunities to serve:
 - Social Justice Committee – How can we serve the poor in our community?
 - Communications Committee – producing an annual or semiannual parish magazine.
5. Discussed the need for a Maintenance Committee – goal to help prioritize projects – suggest someone with experience in plumbing, electrical work or contracting. Also to repost advertisement in bulletin for a part time maintenance person.
6. Discussed the need for a Coordinator for Religious Education. 2-3 hours per week.
7. Funeral luncheons: - During the pandemic there have been no funeral luncheons. Since the shut down there have been a number of changes; volunteers have become older, Pigeon grocery store has closed, and volunteers to prepare food are less available.
 - 2 options
 - Provide hall for parishioners/families and provide a list of caterers
 - Organize new joint funeral committee with some younger volunteers mentored by the older ladies in the parish.

Suggestion to call a meeting after Easter of anyone who has volunteered in the past or who would be interested in volunteering. Funeral luncheons are seen as an important ministry in the parish.

Pastoral Input:

Next Pastoral Council Meeting: April 15 2021, 6:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Rob